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June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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The Neocatechumenal Way Come & Listen! Tuesdays and Fridays from 7p-8p in the Parish Center

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a , or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office or use our website.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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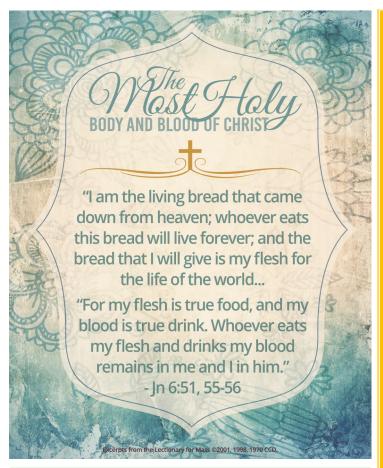


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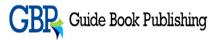
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

As you sit on the porch enjoying a summer evening or taking a stroll around the neighborhood, please, take a moment to offer a prayer for the individuals and families that we serve in our parish. Pray that they might have the strength they need as they struggle to make ends meet and to provide nourishment for their families. Thank you very much.



We are moving forward with plans to keep the St. Leo Guide Book as

it really does serve as such a wonderful reference to stay more easily connected with each other. Please be on the look out in upcoming bulletins for notices regarding the process for this year's publishing. We will also be extending a request that updated contact information be submitted to us so that our records can be made current regardless of whether or not you choose to be in the guidebook. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort of ours.



Please mark your calendars to join us for Mass and the events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School? Is your child a former student of St. Leo School? Please let us know by completing a form on the parish website. Visit <u>leothegreat.org</u> Under *Organizations* click on *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Rosary -- 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023
(at the Marian Shrine)
Independence Day Mass -- 9:00 a.m. on July 4, 2023
(outdoors if weather permitting)

MEMORIES

In the early 2000s, a traditional Corpus Christi procession was held at St. Leo's, stopping at homes on Walbrook, Silverdale, and Ralph. As the priest finished his prayer at each of the three houses, the church bells would ring. Someone commented how perfectly timed everything was for the church bells to ring just as the priest finished at each home. Little did they know that a non-traditional element was added to the procession -- someone in the procession used their cell phone to call a person waiting in the church to tell them when to ring the church bells.

Do you have a favorite memory from the past 75 years? If so, please submit it to nzola@leothegreat.org.

We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Do you have any photos from the Mass with the Bishop and social on October 9th? Please forward your photos to: photos@leothegreat.org

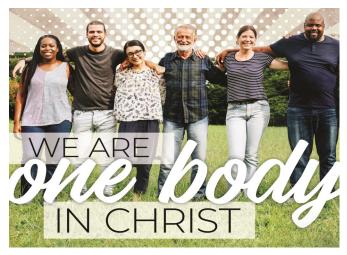


The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ used to be called Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi processions were

common throughout the Diocese, and St. Leo's held Corpus Christi processions as well. The priest led the procession, carrying a consecrated host in the monstrance, accompanied by servers carrying candles and bell ringers. Parishioners followed as the procession wove through the neighboring streets, stopping at designated parishioner homes to pray before returning to the church. The parishioners who lived in the homes where the procession stopped would decorate the resting place for the monstrance with flowers.

Do you have a memory of St. Leo's from the last 75 years? Write it below and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection ba	Name: .sket. eMail:	Phone:	
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, MaryKay Simonek, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Kenneth Lees, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Claudia Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett and Nancy Dighero.

Rosary

Please join us for the recitation of the Rosary at the Marian Shrine on Thursday, June 15th, at 7:00p.m. There is limited bench seating so feel free to bring a comfortable chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Rosary will be said in the church (please enter through the doors closest to the rectory). If you are not familiar with the rosary, we will provide everything you need so that you can participate.



O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I

and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 12th — Weekday

8:30am +For the Soul of Reynaldo Lao (Ruth Dela Cerna)

Tuesday, June 13th —St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

8:30am +Eunice Sim (Joseph Cho)

Wednesday, June 14th—Flag Day

8:30am +Judie Gruntkowski (Frank)

Friday, June 16th —The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30am Thanksgiving for Hazel Dela Cerna (Ruth Dela Cerna)

of the Church

Saturday, June 17th— The Immaculate Heart of Blessed

4:00pm Fathers of the Parish Virgin Mary

Sunday, June 18th — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Fathers of the Parish 11:00am Fathers of the Parish

Since there is no Mass here at St. Leo's on Thursdays you can attend Mass at one of our other local parishes; St. Charles (7am), St. Barbara (7:30am), St. Francis de Sales (8:45am) or Mary Queen of Peace (8am).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Frist Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Today's passage from the book of Exodus describes the covenant between God and the Israelite people. A covenant is a solemn agreement made between two parties and was usually sealed in blood. In ancient times, blood was considered the source of life. To sprinkle two people with the same blood bonded them as closely as if they were blood relatives.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:11-15

On Yom Kippur, the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar in the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled that blood as a renewal of the covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive the sins they had committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

SUNDAY Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

MONDAY 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12//Lk 2:41-51





REAL PRESENCE

Question: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer: The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they about Jesus. enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, philosophical reasoning symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

- Father John Muir

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —WHAT IS TRUE SACRIFICE?

By: Tracy Earl Welliver

When I was a child I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard back in those days was along the lines of we need to be as good as we are able. Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see that true love knows no bounds. What does the holy Eucharist say to you about stewardship? Maybe today is a great time to reflect on your answer.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC — THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE EUCHARIST

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world."

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones—manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

— John 6:54

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

It happens very rarely, but I missed the opportunity to write a column for last weekend as I was on vacation. So let me see if I can get caught up with you today.

Though I had already started my vacation, I did come back briefly to celebrate the funeral Mass for Jack Wygonski, which we had scheduled several weeks before. I had visited Jack in his home on March 1st and had a wonderful conversation with him and with his friend Mary Ann Boyert. At Jack's request, I heard his confession, anointed him with the Oil of the Sick and then gave him Holy Communion. We talked about how he was the founder of South Hills Hardware store (which the parish and I use frequently). He also showed me a spiral binder of interviews done by the Old Brooklyn Historical Society...they interviewed Jack & there are several pages there about his life and his store. I was sad to hear of his passing and ask you to remember this longtime and faith-filled parishioner. He and Mary Ann prayed the rosary daily. May Mary pray for him now as she did at the hour of his death.

I had a graveside service for Dolores Krilosky this past week at Holy Cross cemetery. She had lived in our parish for many years and sent her children to our parish school. She has been living with her daughter for the last 10 years in South Carolina. So we keep her in our prayers as well that she may rise to new life.

Now that school is out, work has begun on many changes taking place in that building over the summer months. All of the windows will be replaced, along with all the lockers, desks, and cafeteria tables and chairs. Much of the expense for all of this comes by ways of grants we needed to apply for to the government. The windows on the south side of the gym will also be replaced to match the new glass block windows on the north side. We are adding air conditioning to the cafeteria and moving the Principal's office to the former nurse's office. I'm glad we are able to make all of these needed changes and the others that have been implemented over the last few years. When I first arrived here & saw the school building for the first time, I could see immediately that it was in need of an overhaul and now, 10 years later, so many changes have really turned it around. Thanks to the leadership of our Principal, Mrs. Burns, and to the hard working maintenance staff for all their involvement in these efforts.

Running a Catholic school these days is more challenging than ever. Not only because of the financial expense (though we are very fortunate to have vouchers available for without these our school would not be opened), but also because of the many shifts in values that have taken place in our culture. With so many abandoning faith, it is a constant struggle to keep a Catholic school not only alive but vibrant and truly faith filled. Due to the effects of COVID and cultural shifts, teachers who are committed to teaching, especially in an environment of faith, are hard to come by. The Diocese is launching an initiative to revitalize our Catholic schools but it does not seem to be as helpful to us as I had hoped as our needs are specific to our location and to our circumstances. Parental support of teachers and Principal have also waned greatly in a culture that does not tolerate the discipline and structure that is required for the education of children. But we are making every effort to be as intentional as we can in keeping our parish school open with a strong commitment to the value of truly Catholic education. Please pray for God's blessings in this effort as St. Leo's has a long history of passing on a good education and values of our Catholic faith to children.

In. James Ochmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS in the months of
June, July & August.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.



Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.
- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

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WeShare	\$ 130.00	Thank you for your		
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WeShare	\$ 2,315.00	WeShare	\$	160.00
Sun. Envelope	\$ 7,390.00	Cap. Improv	\$	727.00

PRO-LIFE GROUP

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will continue studying the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how that pertains to life issues. ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-741-1536.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



RIVERS CASINO | Pittsburgh, PA Wednesday, August 16, 2023

\$48.00 per person

Deadline: Monday, July 17th!!!

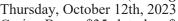
AMISH COUNTRY



Annual Fall Shopping Monday, September 11, 2023 Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included) \$80 per person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st!!!

SENECA NIAGRA (overnight stay)



Casino Bonus \$35 slot play, \$5 food credit

SENECA ALLEGHENY

Friday, October 13th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!

Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy \$196.00 per person-double occupancy \$188.00 per person-triple occupancy

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Bottles can be picked up from the tables at the entrances of the church. You may fill the baby bottles with change or cash, or a check made out to "Womankind" or simply scan this QR code to go directly to the St. Leo the Great's Baby Bottle Drive for Womankind-donor page to donate using a credit card. Thank you for your generosity! All baby bottles need to be returned to the Church or Rectory Office by Father's Day Weekend, June 17/18!



Pull up your camera app on your smartphone and point at this QR code for a direct link to donate now!

HELP NEEDED

A fellow parishioner is in need of a wheel chair ramp for the outside of her home due to recent changes in her health. If anyone knows of anyone who donating or selling one or if anyone has had any experience in obtaining one for themselves or a family member and can assist in the navigation of such a process please contact Mary Ann at 216-398-4936 with any details you may have. It is more than appreciated.



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES

June 5, 2023 Christopher Murray

With twenty-two \$100 drawings, two \$200 drawings and the \$1,000 grand prize drawing left in The Great Sweepstakes, there's still a chance you could be the next winner. Get those tickets in if you haven't already!!!

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Faith Formation

Last Sunday, June 4th, we completed our final Faith Formation for 2022-2023. I want to thank Parents, Students, our Teachers (Jean, Joe, Sue, Jason, Mary and Macrina), Father Jim, Deacon Pat, Joan and

Nancy for all the support and prayers in this When we first went down this path in creating venture. Faith Formation we wondered if parents and students

would switch from Monday nights to Sunday mornings. We also included our day school parents and students that were making their sacraments this year. We were very pleased to see such a great response from so many. Everyone enjoyed our continental breakfasts, faith gathering for parents, and students and their families attending mass on Sundays. On our last day we invited parents, students and siblings to close

out the year and had a fun time making bird houses. It was a pleasure to see everyone enjoying themselves and hearing them say that they can't wait to come again next year. We hope everyone has a blessed and safe summer and we look forward to seeing parents and children back in September. —Joann Deranek Director of Religious Education



New registrations will be sent out in August and if anyone is interested in going with your children we would be pleased to include you. Feel free to reach out to me Joann Deranek at ideranek@leothegreat.org.